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With the assistance of Mr. E. G. Vanatta, who has recently been appointed on the Jessup Fund, the Conservator has made good progress toward labelling and cataloguing specimens which have accumulated during the past few years; and, with the same efficient help, it is believed that all arrears of work on material of this nature will be completed during the winter.

The Conservator has been chiefly occupied in the preparation of the several numbers of the *Manual of Conchology*; but no small amount of time has been consumed in the work of identifying specimens for conchologists and in correspondence on conchological subjects. It is believed, however, that the large amount of new and interesting material secured by this means repays for the labor and time involved.

H. A. PILSBRY,
Conservator.

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

The usual monthly meetings of the Section have been held and were well attended by its members and associates. Numerous verbal communications of great interest entomologically have been made by nearly all the members. The collections are in a good state of preservation considering the faulty cases in which some orders are kept. These will gradually be replaced by safe dust- and pest-proof receptacles. The library is growing rapidly, and during the year four hundred and ninety-five entries have been made in the donation book. A large number of insects have also been presented. The present quarters devoted to the Section are entirely inadequate, and it hopes soon to be able to occupy the new room set apart for it by the Academy. Two members and two associates have been elected. The journal of the Section, *Entomological News*, has been successfully continued and three hundred and forty pages and fifteen plates published during the year just closed. It will be continued in the new year, and an illustrated edition of six hundred copies of thirty-two pages per month will be printed. At the annual election held

December 9th the following were elected officers to serve during the coming year :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	George H. Horn, M.D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Charles S. Welles,
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner, M.D.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	Ezra T. Cresson.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	William J. Fox.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner, M.D.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	{ Charles W. Johnson, James H. Ridings.
					HENRY SKINNER, <i>Recorder.</i>

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Botanical Section respectfully reports that the general progress noted in former annual reports still continues, notwithstanding the severe loss sustained by the death last April of its most zealous and untiring member, John H. Redfield, who had been the able Conservator of the Academy's Herbarium since the formation of the Section. His death renders the recommendation of former years, that a permanent Conservator should be employed, still more pressing. It is believed that a fund of \$20,000 would yield enough to make a fair start in this direction. Mr. Redfield perceived this necessity, and generously willed that his scientific books and collections should be sold to form the nucleus of such a fund. To aid in this laudable object some of the members of the Section organized a "Redfield Memorial Herbarium Fund," to which a little less than \$1,000 have been subscribed, hoping to add to it the coming year. It is earnestly hoped that the Academy will lend a vigorous aid in the establishment of this fund. Until the whole amount is subscribed, the interest will go to the purchase of additions to the collection. It has been estimated that the work of verifying, arranging and fastening down specimens, now going on by the voluntary work of the members of the Section, could not be completed under four or five years, even though there were no new additions. The dire necessity for a regularly employed official is therefore obvious.

The Section is clear of debt and has a balance in the treasury. Meetings are held regularly on the second Tuesday in each month,